

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-11 and add new Claims 12-31, as follows:

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

12. (new) A device for supplying moisture into the interior of a laundry dryer, the device comprising:

a receiving area for receiving liquid; and

a liquid-impermeable sleeve surrounding the receiving area and having at least one outlet opening for dispensing moisture, the sleeve being heat-permeable.

13. The device according to claim 12, wherein the device has at least one connecting means for connection to the drum of the laundry dryer.

14. The device according to claim 12, wherein the device receives water.

15. The device according to claim 12, wherein the at least one outlet opening comprises pores in the material of the sleeve.

16. The device according claim 12, wherein the sleeve is made of a flexible material.

17. The device according to claim 15, wherein the sleeve includes a membrane semi-permeable for moisture.

18. The device according to claim 12, wherein the device in the sleeve further comprises a closeable filling opening for bringing liquid into the receiving area.

19. The device according to claim 12, further comprising a carrier for liquids in the receiving area.

20. The device according to claim 19, wherein the carrier is a sponge-like material.

21. The device according to claim 12, wherein the device removes odors from textiles in a laundry dryer.

22. (new) A device for supplying moisture into the interior of a laundry dryer, the device comprising:

a sleeve defining an enclosed receiving area within the sleeve for retaining a liquid, the sleeve being made from a material being liquid-impermeable to resist the liquid from passing through the sleeve, heat-permeable to permit heat from the laundry dryer to act on the liquid within the sleeve and vaporize the liquid; and at least semi-permeable for moisture to permit the vaporized liquid to pass through the material and exit the sleeve; and

a carrier disposed within the receiving area and absorbing the liquid.

23. The device according to claim 22, wherein the sleeve is made from a porous material having multiple pores permitting moisture to pass through the pores and preventing liquid from passing through the pores.

24. The device according to claim 23, wherein the porous material only permits moisture to pass through the sleeve in one direction from inside the sleeve to outside the sleeve.

25. The device according to claim 22, wherein the sleeve is made from a flexible material.

24. The device according to claim 22, wherein the sleeve defines a filling opening for receiving the liquid into the receiving area and a resealable lug covering the opening and resisting the liquid from passing through the filling opening.

25. The device according to claim 22, wherein the sleeve includes a one-way pressure valve permitting moisture to exit the sleeve.

26. The device according to claim 22, wherein the carrier is made from a sponge material.

27. A method for supplying moisture into the interior of a laundry dryer, the method comprising the acts of:

providing a device that contains a liquid and includes at least one outlet opening;

inserting the device in the interior of the laundry dryer;

producing heat by means of the heating device of the laundry dryer;

vaporizing the liquid within the device to generate moisture within the device;

dispensing the moisture within the device through the at least one outlet opening into the interior of the dryer.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the sleeve device comprises:

a sleeve defining an enclosed receiving area within the sleeve for retaining a liquid, the sleeve being made from a material being liquid-impermeable to resist the liquid from passing through the sleeve, heat-permeable to permit heat from the laundry dryer to act on the liquid within the sleeve and vaporize the liquid; and at least semi-permeable for moisture to permit the vaporized liquid to pass through the material and exit the sleeve; and

a carrier disposed within the receiving area and absorbing the liquid.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein the sleeve is made from a porous material and the at least one outlet opening includes multiple pores permitting moisture to pass through the sleeve in one direction from inside the sleeve to outside the sleeve.

30. The method of claim 27, further comprising the act of removing odors from textiles within the laundry dryer.

31. The method of claim 27, further comprising the act of connecting the device to the drum of the laundry dryer.